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1. Members of the Tientsin Soviet "Passport Community" are being solicited to accept visas to return to Russia. Many persons, most of whom are indigent, are accepting this offer. The wealthy members of the community fear that the program may become compulsory. The Chinese press refers to it as an "evacuation", but this is denied by the Soviet Consul.

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2. The Soviet repatriation program is primarily an economic measure. Indigent Soviets who are presently a drain on the community which supports them can be put to work in Russia. There is great fear that the program will become compulsory. The wealthier members of the community are especially afraid and they will continue to try to get visas to the United States in hope of protecting their war gains. The repatriates are advised to take two years' supply of clothing. They are encouraged to take radios and electric equipment, but no furniture.

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3. Many of the "Passport Community" think this is a part of some master plan which began after the war with the granting of Soviet citizenship to White Russians, many of whom worked openly against Russia during the war. Some on the list of those to go say that salaries are low in Tientsin and that they might as well starve in Russia as in China.

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4. Only the young people are being sought for return to Russia to be used in the army. For example, an old but excellent engineer was advised, in a private talk with Kurdiukov (Soviet Co-~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Tientsin), not to apply for repatriation because of his age.

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5. The following appears daily in the Russian paper "Daily News": "USSR Consul General in Tientsin. Notice. All Soviet citizens, desiring to travel to USSR, but not having had visas, should call at the USSR Consul General before July 4 for registration".

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6. On 1 July, a letter signed by Kardiukov explaining repatriation appeared in a Russian paper. The letter said in part that the Soviet Government has decided to allow 3,000 Soviet families residing in China to be repatriated to the USSR in 1947. The repatriates are promised jobs, lodging and food. Their personal effects may be imported to Russia duty free and travel expenses will be charged to the Government.

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